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## **\*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\***

### **Joint Committee on Education to Hear Presentation from Local Robotics Team**

The Senate and House Education Committees will hold a joint committee meeting to hear a presentation from the General Motors Proving Ground & Huron Valley Schools FIRST Robotics Team entitled "Inspiring Youth Through FIRST Robotics". The hearing will take place on Thurs. June 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room on the first floor of Boji Tower in Lansing.

FIRST is a nonprofit organization founded to increase student interest in mathematics, science, and technology. FIRST brings together industry leaders, high school teachers, and students to further technological pursuits. Students are put through an intense six-week robotics project where they learn skills such as cooperation, discipline, and teamwork while creating a robot to compete with other teams across the United States. Currently, there are over 100 teams in Michigan.

FIRST's mission is to design accessible, innovative programs to build self-confidence, knowledge, and life skills while motivating young people to pursue opportunities in science, technology and engineering. The organization has inspired many students to stay in school when they would have otherwise dropped out.

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